

Report from Minister of Defense for approval of “Agreement between Bulgaria and Iraq  
for delivery of special goods, services, technical assistance and training”,  
15 December 1972

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TO THE PRIME MINISTER  
OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
COMRADE STANKO TODOROV

REPORT

from Army General Dobri Dzurov - Minister of people’s defense

REFERENCE: Negotiations between government military-economic  
delegations of PR Bulgaria and the Republic of Iraq

Comrade Prime Minister,

In the period 29 November – 4 December 1972, our country was visited by a government military-economic delegation from the Republic of Iraq – Colonel General Hammad Shihab.

By Resolution of the Council of Ministers of PR Bulgaria № 564, dated 29 November 1972, I was assigned as the head of the Bulgarian government delegation.

The work of the two delegations was scheduled according to the following agenda:

1. Review of the implementation of the Agreement, dated 28 December 1970, and the protocols, dated 20 November 1971 and 4 April 1972.
2. Negotiations and signing a new agreement for the period 1973-1977.
3. Negotiations and signing a contract for delivery in 1972, to completely utilize the credit, specified in the acting agreement.
4. Talks on other issues of mutual interest.

The results of the work of the two delegations are as follows:

- it was concluded that the Agreement, dated 28 December 1970, had been implemented. The last part of the credit according to this Agreement, amounting to 16 million US dollars, was utilized by signing a contract for delivery of special equipment by the end of 1972;
- the foreign currency issues between the two countries, regarding devaluation of the US dollar since 8 May 1972, were settled;
- a new Agreement was signed for delivery of special goods, services, technical assistance and training to the Republic of Iraq, giving a credit to the Iraqi side amounting to 20 000 000 US dollars, under the following conditions:
  - a) 5 % of the value of delivered goods according to the Agreement shall be paid in advance in convertible currency;
  - b) 20 % of the value – in crude oil, following delivery;
  - c) 75 % - credit for 8 years with 2 % interest. Paying off the credit to be completed in crude oil.

- a protocol was signed to specify deliveries of special equipment in 1973 and 1974.

The Iraqi delegation visited the Minister of foreign trade Comrade Ivan Nedev, and was received by the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and Chairman of the State Council – Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

Enclosed is the Agreement for delivery of special goods, services, technical assistance and training, signed between the two countries on 2 December 1972; I suggest that the Council of Ministers take the following

DECISION:

1. To approve “Agreement between the government of the People’s Republic of Bulgaria and the government of the Republic of Iraq for delivery of special goods, services, technical assistance and training”, signed on 2 December 1972 in Sofia, between the government military-economic delegations of the two countries.
2. To put forward the Agreement from Item 1 to be ratified by the State Council of the PR Bulgaria.

MINISTER OF PEOPLE’S DEFENSE  
ARMY GENERAL DOBRI DZHUROV

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*[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]*